

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-63 have been cancelled, and claims 64-70 have been added. Thus, claims 64-70 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Initially, it is noted that, in the Office Action Summary sheet, the Examiner referred to claims 1-57 pending in the application. However, it is noted that claims 1-63 were pending in the application prior to the present Amendment. In this regard, the Examiner is referred to the Preliminary Amendment filed October 29, 2003 which was effective to add claims 58-63.

The specification and abstract have been carefully reviewed and revised to correct grammatical and idiomatic errors in order to aid the Examiner in further consideration of the application. The amendments to the specification and abstract are incorporated in the attached substitute specification and abstract. No new matter has been added.

Applicants' wish to thank the Examiner for the kind indication in item 4 on page 3 of the Office Action that claims 14-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and of any intervening claims.


In view of this indication of allowable subject matter, and in order to expedite allowance of this application, all of the claims 1-63 have been canceled, and new claims 64-70 have been added. Claim 64 constitutes claim 14 rewritten in independent form, and claim 68 constitutes claim 16 rewritten in independent form. The language of claims 64 and 68 has been very slightly revised to improve the U.S. form thereof by changing "the through-holes in which the IC connection pins" to --through-holes in which IC connection pins--. However, this revision does not affect the scopes of the claims.

Thus, because claim 64 constitutes the allowed claim 14 rewritten in independent form, and claim 68 constitutes the allowed claim 16 rewritten in independent form, it is submitted that claims 64 and 68, as well as the claims 65-67, 69 and 70 which respectively depend therefrom, are clearly allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

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